

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 31-35 are pending in the application (new claims 31-35 being added by this amendment). Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §112. The Examiner has indicated that claims 8-16 are allowable. Claims 1-7 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections are now moot. Applicant kindly requests that the §102 and §112 rejections be withdrawn.

Applicant has amended claim 8 to further define and clarify an embodiment of the invention. Support for the amendment can be found inter alia on page 9, para. 31, line 1; on page 6, para. 25, lines 9-10; on page 6, para. 24; on page 6, para. 25, line 6; in Figs. 2-4, block 150; and on page 9, para. 30, lines 10-11.

Applicant has added new claims 31-35. Support for new claim 31 can be found on page 6, para. 24, lines 1-3. Support for new claim 32 can be found on page 6, para. 24, line 3. Support for new claim 32 can be found on page 6, para. 24, lines 8-9. Support for new claim 34 can be found on page 6, para. 25, lines 10-12. Support for new claim 35 can be found on page 4, para. 19, line 8.

The Abstract of the application was objected to under MPEP § 608.01(b) for containing the term "comprising." The title of the application was objected to as not being descriptive. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's suggestions regarding how to overcome the objections. The Abstract and the title have been amended in accordance with these suggestions. Applicant submits that the title and abstract are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request the withdrawal of the objections.

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent Office the references listed on the attached PTO-1449, and requests that they be considered by the Examiner. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2), and therefore the fee set forth in 1.17(p) is due.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (310) 824-5555 to facilitate further prosecution of the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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